

MACP Accreditation: It's easier than you think

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History of Accreditation

When did law enforcement accreditation start?

Accreditation presents MACP members and their command staff with an opportunity to craft the agency into a highly *efficient and effective* organization.



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Why Accreditation Matters

Participating agencies and members will have the satisfaction of setting the *tone for generations* of officers to come and shaping the future of the delivery of police services.

Agencies will meet standards that address and *reduce liability* for the agency and its members.



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Why Accreditation Matters

In short, law enforcement is under greater scrutiny than ever before.

Accreditation provides your agency with an extra layer of defensibility following an incident.



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How accreditation works?

A gap analysis comparing your written directives and processes with proven, defensible industry standards.



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104 standards

Am I signing up for 104 new tasks?

NO!



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104 standards

- You are probably *ALREADY* doing a lot of the things accreditation requires
- Accreditation allows you to validate and document what you are already doing



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What are the standards

The standards developed by the program are only guidelines for WHAT should be done, not HOW it should be done.



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What are the standards

They address WHAT agencies should be doing to be the best.

The HOW is left up to the individual agency and the Chief Executive Officer.



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What you're already doing

- Writing and implementing written directives
- Keeping written directives up to date



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What will be new

- Building files and Gathering Proofs of Compliance
- Amending/Creating *SOME* directives to meet the standards



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What will be new

- Keeping your written directives and reports up to date
- Show proof of training on the directives and standard mandates



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What can make it easier

- Strong commitment by the CEO
- Political support
- Appointment of a talented Accreditation Manager
- Become a member of the PAC, user group
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What can make it easier

- Line officer education and buy-in
- Participation throughout the agency
- Use of an electronic system, like PowerDMS



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How PowerDMS can help

- Up to 50% reduction in accreditation file preparation time
- Generates reminders and to-do tasks to ensure everyone stays on track
- Saves time on re-accreditation by copying directives and proofs from one cycle to the next year



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The MACP is
DEDICATED to the
accreditation process
and the **SUCCESS** of
the departments
involved



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QUESTIONS?

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- Look at the resources available on the MACP website: www.michiganpolicechiefs.org
- Attend Accreditation Manager training
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